

Burglars Strike In Men's Dorms, Stealing 35 Books

Midnight burglars stole through Mercer dormitories last week, stealing over 35 textbooks from unlocked rooms.

By far the hardest hit was Shorter Hall, where at least 25 books were reported stolen.

Only "several" were missing from rooms in Roberts Hall, while Sherwood reported thefts of from three to four books. All thefts took place Monday night.

Mercer authorities have no definite leads as to who was responsible. But Dean Richard C. Burts said he had rumors that students visiting from other schools were guilty, possibly intending the thefts to be a prank.

Dean Burts added he had registered complaints with these schools. As of early this week, he had had no replies.

"Every Last Trophy"
Also missing was Kappa Alpha's framed Confederate flag, stolen early Wednesday morning, and (KA's reported) "every last trophy" in the suite.

The Confederate flag was dedicated to a fraternity member killed in World War II and has hung in the KA suite for some years.

There was no apparent connection between the book thefts and the stolen Kapp Alpha articles.

The books were taken right under the sleeping noses of Shorter Hall residents sometime Monday night. One Shorter resident said he

Mercer Tuition, Fees Stabilize

Mercer University's tuition and fees will remain the same for the 1958-59 term as they are now, according to Dr. George B. Connell, Mercer president.

At present Mercer charges \$275 per quarter for undergraduates living on the campus in the liberal arts college and \$125 for students living off the campus. Graduates and law students living on the campus pay \$290 and those off the campus pay \$140.

These charges include tuition and fees for all classifications of students.

Mrs. Zeb Vance At Chicago Meet

Mrs. Zeb B. Vance, associate professor at Mercer University, attended the three-day joint convention of the four divisions of the United Business Education Association (NEA).

The delegates met Feb. 20-22, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, concurrently with the convention of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

"Better Programs for Business Teacher Preparation" was chosen as the theme of the national convention. Guest speakers included Henry H. Hill, president, George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn., and James G. Umstadt, from the University of Texas, Austin who is a member of the National Commission on the Experimental Study of the Utilization of the Staff in the Secondary School.

In addition to listening to outstanding educators, the participants formed small discussion groups to consider problems facing various types of colleges in the preparation of business teachers. Vital issues in administration and supervision of business education at all levels came under close scrutiny of the group.

The establishment of business administration courses abroad was considered by members of the international division. Proper utilization of the staff in the secondary school received recognition along with a discussion of evaluation criteria at the secondary level.

was awakened around 3 a. m. that morning by someone in his room but nothing was taken.

Lock These Doors
All rooms where thefts occurred were unlocked. And Dean Burts had this to say, "I advise students not to leave their doors open through the night."

Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity reported 12 textbooks stolen, to qualify for hardest hit of Mercer fraternities. Alpha Tau Omega reported six stolen. And both Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Theta said anywhere from two to four books were missing.

Sherwood Hall dormitory director Hoyt Farr said he had received reports of stolen books in only two rooms. No thefts were listed in Mary Erin Porter Hall.

Where Is He Now?

(Editor's Note: This was clipped from the University of Detroit The Varsity News in Detroit, Mich.)

The following is from the edition of November 8, 1949. It was for a feature called "Wunchmeet," which has since degenerated into our present day "Lime-light." The writer's name was Dave Allison.

It occasionally happens that our beloved editor discovers that page three needs filling. Then in sheer desperation, he calls on me. For I am a desperate character.

This is my third year at this institution of various levels of learning. I have been on probation. I have been, by accident, on the honor roll. I have complained bitterly against the cut system, and written editorials about (ugh) school spirit. I have been a pledge school spirit. I have been a pledge-master drunk with power, and (thru the use of a clever disguise) have secured a bid to the Sad Shuffle.

I have flunked Spanish and Psychology and drank illicit booze at the Pan. Gentlemen, I have lived.

At football games I'm a schemer and tell many funny jokes. Women are all mad for me, but unfortunately most of them are too well repressed to do anything about it.

I have ridden to hounds with fat capitalists and taken dancing lessons at the Yacht Club. In Chicago I once spent the night in a police station, but quite innocently.

I have made sand castles on the morning beach at Acapulco; during the '45 Pan-American conference I was a State Department page boy and delivered a message to Rockefeller which he received in silk p.j.'s.

I am majoring in English and the darling of the department. Everybody knows that I have talent. (At least everyone I've spoken to.) As you can easily see I am shy.

I have been told that a good feature has a beginning, middle, and end. You have read the beginning and the middle. This is the end.

Miss Lowe, Co-op Head Has Hopes

by Charlotte Moore
Mercer's newest personality is Miss Frances Lowe, charming hostess-supervisor of the sparkling, new co-op.

Miss Lowe hopes to make the co-op, particularly the snack bar, a place where Mercer students "can be happy and comfortable."

And she likes the new student center. Students are increasingly showing interest in keeping it attractive. Miss Lowe commented.

A native of Gray, Ga., Miss Lowe has lived there most of her life.

Attended GSCW
She attended GSCW and graduated from Peabody College in Tennessee. She taught at GSCU for several years after leaving Peabody, and has for the last few years worked as a home demonstration agent in Bibb County. Miss Lowe worked with the Georgia agricultural extension service teaching adult classes, working with home demonstration clubs and 4-H groups.

Miss Lowe is an out-going and interesting person. She is enthusiastic in her plans to help the student body enjoy the co-op, and hopes to be a friend of the students.

Opposition Hits Debaters Hard At FSU Meet

The Mercer debaters, defending second place honors won by last year's debate team, ran up against stiff competition at the annual Florida State University tournament.

Top schools at the tournament were Miami University, Florida and William and Mary.

Dr. Helen G. Thornton, Mercer debate coach, is making plans to organize a Debate Club at Mercer during the first week of Spring quarter. Interested students will be organized into a council by Dr. Thornton.

The debaters will journey to Lexington, Ky., next quarter to attend the national Tau Kappa Alpha tournament. April 10, 11, 12 will be the dates of the tournament as TKA members observe their 50th anniversary.

Bev Bates and Marty Layfield are student members of TKA, a national honorary forensic society, on the Mercer campus.



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One On The Aisle

by Haywood Ellis

Back to the grind after the unexpected by long-wished-for holiday, I can think back to some unusually good entertainment on campus before the long, Arctic winter set in.

The most recent was the Film Club's showing of the award-winning Japanese film, Gate of Hell. I walked in to a rather conservatively heated Willingham Chapel, and was greeted by the girl in charge (at least, I guess she was in charge. Maybe she was just an overanxious ministerial student. Oh, well) with a paradoxical, "Welcome to the Gate of Hell." This greeting became even more ironic as the evening progressed and the heaters finally gave up after a valiant battle.

The film, though, was enough to keep my mind off the cold somewhat. It was easy to see why this film is generally considered to be a classic example of the motion picture art, and has won some of the most coveted awards in the industry.

Each scene seemed to be patterned after a Japanese print, with shrubbery, curtains, veils, and trees framing the action. It appeared that the dyes of the Eastman color film were treated to pick up reds. I never realized how much red there is in brown polished wood.

Only One Drawback

The only drawback to the film was its lack of plot. What plot was there, however, was fittingly handled in the ancient Japanese style of acting. After the emphasis on reds throughout the entire picture, the sudden switch to an eerie blue just before the murder scene was electrifying.

All in all, anybody who didn't see the showing missed a rare opportunity. The Film Club, which has been doing a lot to advance campus entertainment, took one giant step forward in the presentation.

Thinking back further, I remember the Mercer Players' outstanding production of Antigone. In this one, Doug Bailey handled the role of Creon with a finesse seldom found in amateur theatricals. Mary Leonard, in the title role, was good enough for anybody's stage. Janice Webb was best in the supporting cast.

Then, the Canadian Players blew into town with the North Wind, and gave a magnificent production of Shaw's Man and Superman. The next night, they invaded Willingham Chapel with a noisy Othello. Tony Van Bridges, in the title role, was top-notch between asthmatic attacks. I seem to have a vague memory, however, of the campus bell stealing the show.

Looking into the future, there is a production of Kiss Me Kate by the Glee Club yet to come. This is certainly an unusual presentation for Mercer and should be well worth taking in.

So, after many weeks of holidays, deadlines, cancellations, and tests, there is the 1958 Mercer theatrical season.

Pres. Connell Thanks Griffin For Student Complaint Reply

A summer school student's complaints against Mercer directed to Gov. Marvin Griffin have drawn Pres. George Connell's thanks for the way he handled the matter.

Earl M. Hewlett of Hillview, Ill., wrote Gov. Griffin that Mercer teachers were "suggesting integration of the races in classroom." Mr. Hewlett attended Mercer summer sessions in both 1952 and 1957.

The governor answered he had had no previous complaints of this nature against Mercer and added he could not believe "Pres. George Connell would stand for this." Gov. Griffin further said, "If such happened, I am sure it must have been the individual idea of an instructor rather than the policy of the school."

Dr. Connell commented to the Cluster, "The governor was gracious enough to send me a copy of the letter he wrote to a former student who had protested against 'integrationist teachings' on the Mercer campus. I thank the governor for his kindness in sending me the letter and particularly for the manner in which he responded to the student's protest."

The correspondence between Mr. Hewlett and Gov. Griffin had been referred to Dr. Connell previously. The letters were released to the Macon News Tuesday, after rumors had circulated in Macon.

Gov. Griffin also said in his letter, "Although I did not attend Mercer, I have many friends who did, and they all speak highly of this famous Georgia institution."

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